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Territory of Louisiana ss.

At the Town of Saint Louis, In pursuance of notice to that effect given by his Excellency Benjamin Howard the Legislature met at the House of Mr Pratte Dubreuil, on Friday the Nineteenth Day of October in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ten: and of the Independence of the United States the Thirty fifth.

Present.

His Excellency. Benjamin Howard. Governor
The Hon^ble John Coburn
John B. C. Lucas Judges.
Otho Shrader

Mr Howard produced a Commission from the President of the United States, dated the Eighteenth Day of April, 1810: appointing the said Benjamin Howard Governor of the Territory of Louisiana: and a Certificate of Thomas Todd, one of the Judges of the Seventh Circuit of the United States; Kentucky District, of having administered the oaths of office, on the 22^nd August 1810. ——"

Edward Hempstead, was unanimously re-elected Clerk of the Legislature. —

On Motion of Mr. Shrader, Ordered that the Clerk do give notice to Pierre Didier Esquire Territorial Treasurer for the Territory of Louisiana that he on Monday next do lay before the Legislature

an accurate and certified transcript of the Territorial Treasury accounts together with this Treasury Book for the inspection and examination of the Legislature, in pursuance of the Law of this Territory in such case made and provided. —

On Motion of Mr Shrader & seconded,

Resolved that the Governor be requested to lay before the Legislature all the information in his possession relating to the Fiscal concerns of the Territory —

A motion was made by Mr Shrader and seconded that the Legislature do come to the following Resolution

Resolved by the Legislature that provision ought to be made by Law to vest the power of dividing districts into Townships, heretofore exercised by the board of Commissioners by virtue of a Law of this Territory entitled "an act for the Division of Districts into Townships &c" in the Courts of Common Pleas for the respective Districts"

On Motion of Mr Coburn and seconded, the further consideration of the said proposed resolution was postponed till tomorrow —

A motion was made by Mr Coburn and seconded that the Legislature do come to the following resolution

Resolved that a Chancery Jurisdiction be attached to the General Court of this Territory

and that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Bill on that Subject." and the same being read and under Consideration—

A motion was made by Mr Lucas that the further consideration thereof be postponed till Monday next.

And the question being taken thereupon.

It was determined in the Negative.

On motion of Mr Shrade, that the further consideration of the said proposed resolution be postponed till to morrow.

And the question being taken thereupon

It was unanimously carried in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr Coburn and seconded that the Legislature do come to the following resolution—

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine the Laws relating to the Selection of Juries within this Territory, and report by Bill or otherwise such amendments as may be deemed necessary." and the same being read and under Consideration.

On Motion Resolved unanimously that the said Resolution be referred to Mr Coburn—

A motion was made by Mr Shrade and seconded that the Legislature do come to the following resolution

Resolved that the following sections of an act entitled "An act establishing Courts of Justice

and regulating Judicial Proceedings" to wit— 1. 13.— 21.— 22. 43.— 48. be referred to a Committee for revision, and said Committee to report by Bill or otherwise —

And on the question that the Legislature do now proceed to the consideration of the said Proposed resolution, it was determined in the affirmative

The said Proposed resolution being read, and under consideration, On Motion of Mr Lucas. Ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till tomorrow.

Mr. Shaden presented the accounts of Henry Dodge, John Price, and William Sullivan against the Territory.—

Ordered that the said accounts do lie on the Table —

Mr. Coburn presented the accounts of James Anderson against the Territory;

Ordered that the said account do lie on the Table —

Mr Lucas presented a petition from Thomas H Rhodes, Clerk of the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, and Oyer & Terminer of the District of Saint Louis, stating that certain services have been performed by him in certain Prosecutions on behalf of the United States, and that no compensation hath been allowed him therefor and praying that the Legislature Provision may be extended to him in the premises; on the

question that the Legislature do now proceed to the consideration thereof, and the same being read and under consideration, on Motion, Ordered that the said Petition be referred to Mr Lucas.—

A Motion was made by Mr Shrader and seconded that the Legislature do come to the following Resolution —

Resolved that the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the District of Saint Louis be required to file with the Clerk of the Legislature a Statement of such Sheriff & Clerks fees as they have received for the prosecution of crimes and offences against the laws of the Territory within the said District in cases where neither the Prosecutor nor the Person convicted has been liable for the Payment of such fees, since the Passage of the law ascertaining the fees of the several officers &" — and on the question that the Legislature do now proceed to the consideration thereof, It was determined in the affirmative, and the question being taken that the Legislature do agree to the same.

It was resolved in the affirmative —

Mr Shrader gave notice that he would tomorrow ask leave to report a Bill in amendment of the act of this Territory entitled "an act for the recovery of Debts not exceeding Sixty Dollars before a Justice of the peace"

And then the Legislature adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock —

E. Hunt Cl

Saturday October 20. 1810

The Legislature met Pursuant to Adjournment

Present as before.

Mr. Howard presented the petition of Robert R. Livingston and Robert Fulton, residents of the State of New York stating that the said petitioners have after much labor and expence discovered the indispensable principles of constructing Steam Boats so as to make them of publick utility, and that they have in contemplation to establish Steam Boats on the waters of the Mississippi, under certain conditions therein mentioned, and praying that the Legislature will grant to them the exclusive right to navigate the waters of this Territory with Boats moved by Steam or fire, on the conditions therein stated, and the same being read — Ordered that the said petition & papers accompanying the same do lie on the Table —

Mr. Howard, presented the accounts of David Delaunay, Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the Territory of Louisiana,

Ordered that the same do lie on the table.

Mr. Shrader according to his notice of yesterday asked and obtained leave to report a Bill, in addition to the act entitled "an act for the recovery of Debts and demands not exceeding Sixty Dollars before a Justice of the peace," and the same being read: On Motion

ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed
till Monday next :—

The Legislature according to the order of the
day, proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution
proposed yesterday by Mr Coburn, in the words following

Resolved that a Chancery Jurisdiction be attached
to the General Court of this Territory and that a
Committee be appointed to prepare a Bill on
that subject.

And the same being read,

A motion was made by Mr Lucas to amend the
said proposed resolution by striking out all of the
words therein after the word "Resolved", and inserting in lieu
thereof after the said word Resolved' that a Court having
Chancery Jurisdiction over this Territory be created, and
that the Judges of the General Court compose the
said Court"

And the question being taken thereupon it
was carried in the affirmative — Mr Lucas, & Mr Shrader
in the affirmative — & Mr Coburn in the negative. —

A Division of the question on the said Reso-
lution as amended was then called for by Mr Lucas.

Whereupon the first member thereof being agreed
to in the words following. Jowit

Resolved that a Court having Chancery Jurisdiction
over this Territory shall be created"

and the question was then taken to agree
thereto, and carried in the affirmative unanimously

The question was then taken to agree to the seconde member of the said Resolution, whiche was reade in the words following Jo wit-

And that the Judges of the Generale Court compose the saide Court."

And carried in the affirmative.

The main question was then taken that the Legislature do agree to the said Resolution as amended in the words following. To wit

Resolved that a Court having Chancery Jurisdiction over this Territory be created, and that the Judges of the Generale Court compose the said Court.

And carried in the affirmative.

On Motion, Ordered that the saide Resolution be referred to Mr Coburn, to Prepare a Bill therein.

The Legislature according to the order of the Day Proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution Proposed yesterday by Mr Shrader, in the words following Jo Wit

Resolved that the following sections of an act entitled "An act establishing Courts of Justice and Regulating Judiciale Proceedings viz - Sec 1. - 19 21 22 43. - & 48 be referred to a Committee for Revision and said committee instructed to report by Bill or otherwise -

and the same being read

on motion of Mr Shrader Ordered that the said Proposed Resolution be amended by Striking out the figure 1- after the words Sec- and adding the figure 55. after the figures 48.--- so as to reads thus.

Resolved that the following Sections of an act entitled "an act establishing Courts of Justice &regulating Judiciary Proceedings viz Sec. 13- 21- 22- 23. 48. and 55. be referred to a committee for revision and said Committee instructed to report by Bill or otherwise

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was carried in the affirmative

unanimously

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On motion, Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to Mr Shrader.

Mr. Coburn to whom was referred yesterday the following Resolution Viz

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to Examine the Laws relating to the Selection of Juries within this Territory and report by Bill or otherwise such amendments as may be deemed necessary" Grant ed a report "that it would be expedient to repeal the act regulating the manner of selecting & returning Jurors in certain Cases" and concluding with the following Resolution --

Resolved that the committee to whom was referred the examination of the Laws relating to the selection of Juries be Directed to report by Bill, a mode of selecting Juries as a substitute for the act entitled "an act regulating the manner

of selecting & returning Juries in certain cases" con-
taining therein a repealing clause of the said act

and the same being read, a Motion was
made by Mr Shrader to amend the said Proposed Resolu-
tion, by striking out the whole thereof after the word
Resolved", and inserting in lieu thereof "that so much
of a Law relating to the selection of Juries as provides
for the selecting of Juries by the Judges of the Court
of Common Pleas of the respective Districts ought to
be repealed" — And the question being taken there-
upon it was carried in the affirmative — Mr
Coburn & Mr Shrader voting in the affirmative, and
Mr Lucas in the Negative

The question was then taken to agree to the
said Resolution as amended, and carried in the
affirmative.

On Motion Ordered that Mr Coburn do
report a Bill accordingly

The Clerk laid before the Legislature certain
Petitions & papers filed with him by Thomas F Riddick
Esquire Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the
District of Saint Louis, in pursuance to the
Resolution of yesterday:- Ordered that the said
Petitions & papers be referred to Mr Lucas, to
whom the petition of Thomas F Riddick was
Yesterday referred —

A Motion was made by Mr Shrader
that the Legislature do come to the

following Resolution. to wit

Resolved that it is expedient to abolish the office of Auditor, and to provide by Law that the duties now performed by said Auditor be assigned to the Clerk of the Common Pleas, who shall receive the sum of ~~for~~ for every hundred taxable inhabitants as a Compensation for the services then performed by him:—

And the same being read, ordered that the said Proposed resolution do lie on the table—

On Motion, ordered that the accounts of Henry Dodge, John Price, and William Sullivan presented Yesterday by Mr Shrader. the account of James Anderson also presented yesterday by Mr Coburn— the account of David Delaveray presented this Day by Mr Howard be referred to Mr Shrader to examine the same and to report thereon.

The Senate orders of the Day were further postponed until Monday next—

And then the Legislature adjourned till Monday Morning next 10 o'clock—

E Armstrong Clk

Monday October 22. 1810

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

Mr Howard presented the petition of Augustus Howard stating that an act of the Legislature of this Territory passed July 9. 1808, entitled "an act to defray the expences of certain Patroles in the Town of Saint Louis" appropriating the sum of Nine Hundred & sixty Dollars for defraying the aforesaid expences to be assessed as is directed by said act has not been carried into effect and praying that the Legislature will pass an act to carry the same into effect, or to give such other relief as the case requires,

and the same being read, On Motion ordered that the said petition, with the papers therefrom filed with the Clerk with a former petition be referred to Mr Shannon ——

On Motion, ordered that the Clerk do procure from the Secretary of the Territory a copy of the acts of the Legislature of this Territory, entitled "An act to defray the expences of certain Patroles in the Town of Saint Louis" passed July 9. 1806. ——

Pierre Didier, Esq. Territorial Treasurer of the Territory appeared before the Legislature, with his Treasury accounts and Books agreeably to the order of the Legislature of Friday last.

On Motion

Ordered that the said accounts, & Book be report
to Mr Lucas for inspection and examination: to
report thereon. —

Mr Shrader to whom the accounts of Henry
Dodge, John Price, William Sullivan, James Anderson, and
David Delauney, against the Territory, were referred
made a report in part, and concluding with the following Resolution
to wit

Resolved That there ought to be paid out
of the Territorial Treasury to James Anderson the sum of
Twenty seven Dollars, to William Sullivan, the sum of
Twenty eight Dollars thirty Seven & one half Cents and to
Henry Dodge the sum of Thirty five Dollars & fifty Cents

Resolved that the Auditor of the District of Saint
Genevieve be authorized and required to grant to John
Price a Certificate on the Treasury of said District for
forty Dollars, and to Henry Dodge a like Certificate for
seven Dollars & fifty Cents.

and the same being read, a motion was
made by Mr Lucas to amend the said report, so that
the same may read after the words thirty five dollars and
fifty Cents" and to John Price the sum of forty Dollars.

Resolved that the Auditor of the District of Saint
Genevieve be authorized and required to grant to Henry
Lodge a Certificate of Seven Dollars & fifty Cents

and the question being taken thereupon, it
was carried in the affirmative, Mr Robbins and Mr
Lucas voting in the affirmative — Mr Shrader in
the negative —

On Motion, Ordered that the said Resolution as
amended be referred to Mr Shrader to report a Bill

Morton.

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the Day to the consideration of the Bill supplemental to the act entitled "an act for the recovery of Debts and demands not exceeding Sixty dollars before a Justice of the peace" ~~as~~ amended by Mr Shrader, and several amendments agreed to.

On Motion ordered that the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read the third time to Morrow.

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the Day. to the consideration of the Resolution submitted on Friday last by Mr Shrader viz the Words following. To wit

Resolved by the Legislature that Provision ought to be made by Law to vest the power of dividing Districts into Townships heretofore exercised by the board of Commissioners by virtue of the Law of this Territory entitled an act for the Division of Districts into Townships" viz the Courts of Common Pleas for the respective Districts"

And the question being taken that the Legislature do agree to the said proposed Resolution

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative—

On Motion ordered that Mr Shrader do bring in a Bill according ly.

On Motion of Mr Shrader; ordered that it be

referred to a Committee to enquire whether any, and if any what other alterations or amendments be the act entitled "an act for the Division of Districts into Townships and for the appointment of Justices of the peace and Constables" may be necessary with leave to report by bill or otherwise.—

Ordered that the last resolution be referred to Mr Shadrach—

Mr Coburn to whom was referred on Saturday last the following Resolution, Viz't

"Resolved that a Court having Chancery Jurisdiction over this Territory be created, and that the Judges of the General Court compose the said Court"

presented a Bill in pursuance thereof, on motion the same was read the first time.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow

On Motion, Ordered that it be referred to Mr Coburn to enquire, whether any, and if any what alterations or amendments to the Section of the act entitled "An act for the punishment of Certain Crimes" may be necessary, with leave to report by bill or otherwise

The General order of this Day was then postponed until to morrow.

And then the Legislature adjourned till tomorrow morning to 10 o'clock

Tuesday October 23. 1810

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

The Clerk presented a Copy of the act of the Legislature, to defray the expences of certain Patriots in the Town of Saint Louis, obtained from the Secretary of the Territory in pursuance of the Resolution passed Yesterday: and also a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas, relating to certain suits therein Decided & lodged with him by Auguste Chouteau.

Ordered that the said Papers be referred to Mr Shrader, to whom was yesterday referred the Petition of Auguste Chouteau.

Mr Howard, in pursuance of the following Resolution passed the 19th inst. to wit

Resolved that the Governor be requested to lay before the Legislature all the information in his possession relating to the fiscal concerns of this Territory

presented sundry Documents — Ordered that the same Do lie on the Table.

Mr Lucas to whom the Petition of Thomas F Riddick was referred on the 19th instant made a report thereon, and concluding with the following Resolution — Viz

Resolved that the fees for the services

of the Clerks & Sheriffs of the several Districts whether the said Fees be specially ascertained by Law or allowed by the respective Courts, in case they are not provided for by Law, are due and ought to be exacted, either out of the District Treasury or otherwise as the case may occur agreeably to the principles which govern in the case of the fees that may be due or become due to the Attorney General. —

and the said Report of resolutions being read, on Motion ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till tomorrow

Mr. Colcock to whom it was referred yesterday to enquire what amendments or alterations are necessary to be made to the 16. and 45th Section of the Act of this Session entitled "An act for the punishment of Certain Crimes" — according to order reported a Bill thereon, and the same being read, a motion was made by Mr Shrader to amend the said Bill by adding a Section thereto — On Motion, ordered that the further consideration of the said proposed Bill & amendment be postponed till to morrow.

Mr Shrader to whom it was referred on the 20 instant, to report a Bill to amends the 13. 21 22 43 48. & 55. Sections of the act entitled "an act establishing Courts of Justice and

regulating Judicial Proceedings — according to order, reported a Bill thereon, and the same being read, on Motion ordered that the said Bill be read a second time to Morrow.

Mr. Shaden to whom it was yesterday referred to report a Bill to amend the act of this Territory entitled "An act providing for the division of Districts into Townships and for the appointment of Justices of the peace and Constables, according to order presented a Bill, and the same being read on motion, the said Bill was read a second time.—

On Motion ordered that the said Bill be engrossed and read the third time Tomorrow.

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the second reading of the Bill vesting certain powers in the General Court, as reported by Mr Brown — and the same being under consideration, and several amendments agreed to

On Motion, Ordered, that the further consideration thereof be postponed till to morrow.

Mr Shaden to whom was referred the account of David Delaunay, submitted the following Resolution

Resolved that the account of David Delaunay amounting to the sum of Three Hundred, Twelve Dollars and fifty Cents, in full for his Salary as Brigade Major of the Militia of this Territory from the 1st day of July 1809. to the 30th of September 1810 — inclusive might be paid to him out of the Territorial Treasury

and the same being Read,

The question was taken thereupon,

And carried in the affirmative unanimously.

On Motion ordered that it be referred to Mr Shrader, to enquire whether any and if any what alterations or amendments to be made of the act of this Territory for regulating the Militia as relates to the office of ~~the~~ Brigade Major of the Militia of the Territory may be necessary, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.——"——

On Motion of Mr Howard the Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the petition of Robert R Livingston & Robert Fulton, presented on the 20th instant, and the same being under debate.

On Motion, Ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next Session of the Legislature.

Mr Coburn to whom was referred on the 20 instant, the Resolution respecting the law for the selection of Jurors in certain cases, according to order reported a Bill therein, and the same being read the first time — On Motion the said Bill was read a second time & sundry amendments agreed to

On Motion ordered that the said Bill as amended be engrossed & read the third time to morrow——a

The several orders of the day were
then postponed till to morrow.

And then the Legislature adjourned
till to morrow morning 10 o'clock.

E. Hempstead Clk

Wednesday October 24. 1810

The Legislature met pursuant to adjourn-
ment —

present as before —

Mr. Shrader presented the petition of John Johnson
by Rufus Easton his agent & attorney — stating that the
Court of Quarter Sessions for the District of Louisiana have
ordered & adjudged on a certain Indictment then pending
against him the payment of a Fine of Fifty Dollars
to the District, which has been paid; and the Judgment
reversed in the General Courts; and praying such
relief as by Law, Right, & Reason shall appertain to
the Same.

And the same being read,

Ordered that it do lie on the Table.

Mr. Shrader to whom was referred the Petition
of August Chouteau according to order made
a report thereon, and concluding with the

following Resolution. viz

Resolved that the Governor be authorized and required to adjust the accounts of any individuals claiming compensation for services performed or monies advanced by order of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the District of Saint Louis as a Patrole in the Year 1805, and that he draw his Warrants on the Territorial Treasury for the Payment thereof with interest in five equal annual instalments.— Provided the Principal thus adjusted does not exceed the aforesaid sum of Nine Hundred and Sixty Dollars

and the said Report Resolution being read, and under consideration—

On Motion of Mr Lucas, Ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed to this day three months.—"

Mr. Shrader, to whom was referred yesterday the Resolution to enquire what amendments or alterations are necessary to be made to the acts of this Territory for regulating the Militia as relates to the office of Brigade Majors and Inspectors, according to order reported a Bill thereon, and the same being read— On Motion of Mr Shrader, Ordered that the said Bill, together with the act regulating the Militia be re-committed to Mr Howard, to report thereon by Bill, or otherwise—

The Legislature proceeded according to the Order of the Day to the further Consideration of the Bill vesting the Generals Court with a Chancery Jurisdiction and after some time spent thereon, and several amendments agreed to,

On Motion, ordered that the said Bill as amended be engrossed, and read the third Time to Morrow.

An adjournment being called for

The several orders of the Day were then further postponed till to Morrow.

And the Legislature then adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'Clock

E Stanhope Read Clk

Thursday October 25, 1810.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjourn-
-ment.

Present His Excy. Benjamin Howard Governor
The Hons. John Coburn
Otho Shrader } Judges

The Clerk presented certain receipts and papers of August Chouteau, touching the facts stated in his petition here to fore presented. Ordered that

the said Papers do lie on the Table.—

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day. to the consideration of the Engrossed Bills, concerning Juries, and the same being read the third time

Ordered on the question that the same do pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative

Resolved that the title thereof be "An Act regulating the mode of selecting and returning Juries in certain cases"—

Whereupon the said Bill was signed.—

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution reported by Mr Shaaden on the 23. instant, appropriating the sum of Three Hundred and Twelve Dollars fifty cents to David Delaney out of the Territorial Treasury, in full for his services as Brigade Inspector of the Militia of this Territory from the 1st. day of July 1809. to the 30th. day of September 1810, inclusive:—

And the question being further thereupon

It was Carried unanimously in the affirmative

And the said Resolution was thereupon

Signed.—

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the Day to the third reading of

The Bill supplemental to the act for the Division of Districts into Townships" was read the first time and on the question that the same do pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative

Ordered that the title thereof be "An act supplemental to an act entitled an act providing for the division of districts into Townships and for the appointment of Justices of the peace and Constables"

Whereupon the same was Signed

Mr Howard presented the petition of certain inhabitants of the Town of Saint Louis, signed by Manuel Lisa and others stating that the laws concerning Boatmen is inadequate; and that certain evils exist in the prosecution of the fur trade, & praying that a law may be passed to remedy the evils complained of.

and the same being read and under consideration

On Motion Ordered that the said petition be referred to Mr Thruston to report thereon.

Mr Howard presented the petition of Benjamin Stedman by Rufus Easton his Attorney stating that at a Court Martial held at the Town of Saint Louis, on the 9th day of July 1806, a Fine of twelve Dollars & fifty Cents was imposed on him, which he paid; and that the offence for which he was thus fined was afterwards pardoned, and praying that said Fine may be restored to him.

And the same being read and under Consideration

On Motion ordered that it be referred to Mr Shrader to report thereon.

On Motion of Mr Shrader, ordered that the Petition of John Johnson, presented on the 24th inst be referred to Mr Coburn.

Mr Shrader presented the petition of Jeremiah Connor, stating that upon a final settlement of his accounts as late Sheriff of the District of Saint Louis the sum of Five Hundred & Eight Dollars due for taxes of sundry persons insolvents & unable to pay the same, have not been allowed him, in his Settlement with the Auditor of said District

And praying that a Law may be passed in his favor.

And the same being read and under Consideration.

On Motion Ordered that it be referred to Mr Coburn

The Several orders of the Day were further postponed until to morrow

And then the Legislature adjourned until to morrow morning Ten o'clock.

E. Kempstead Clk

Friday October 21. 1803

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as yesterday. and

The Hon. John B. C. Lucas. —

Mr. Lucas, to whom was referred the
the 22nd Instant the Treasury accounts and Books of Pierre
Didier Territorial Treasurer, together with his Transcript
made a Report thereon. and the same being read.

And the question being taken: that the Legislature
do now proceed to take the same into consideration

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

And after some time Spent therein.

Ordered that the said Report do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr Shrader, the Legislature
proceeded to the consideration of the Resolutions by him
submitted on the 20 instant, in the words following Viz.

Resolved that it is expedient to abolish the office
of Auditor, and to provide by Law that the duties now
performed by said Auditor be assigned to the Clerk of
Common Pleas, who shall receive the Sum of
for every hundred taxable inhabitants as a compensation
for the services then performed by him —

and the same being
read, and under consideration, a motion was
made by Mr Coleman to amend the said Resolution
Resolution; so as to read in the words following:

Resolved that it is expedient to reduce the Salary of the Auditor of Districts to Dollars "

and the same being read, and the question being taken that the Legislature do agree to the said Resolution as amended.

It was carried in the affirmative.—

On motion, Ordered that the said Resolution as amended be referred to Mr. Shrader, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.—

Mr. Shrader submitted the following Resolution to wit

Resolved that it is expedient to create the office of an Auditor for the Territory,

and the same being read a motion was made by Mr Lucas to amend the said proposed Resolution, by striking out all thereof, except the word Resolved, and inserting thereafter, the words, that provision ought to be made by Law to authorize the auditor of the District of Saint Louis, to audit all claims against the Territorial Treasury: and on the question that the Legislature do agree to the said proposed Amendment, it was determined in the negative. Mr Shrader and Mr Jackson in the affirmative, Mr Lucas voting in the affirmative and Mr Jackson & Mr Shrader in the negative

a Motion was then made by Mr Shaden to amend the said proposed resolution, by adding thereto after the word Territory, "the words" and that the Territorial Auditor shall perform the duties of Auditor of the District of Saint Louis:—

and the question being taken thereupon

It was carried in the affirmative:—

On Motion Ordered. that the said Resolution as amended, be adopted, and referred to Mr Shaden to report thereon.

On Motion Ordered that the Report of Mr Lucas, this day made on the account of Pierre Dédia, Territorial Treasurer, be also referred to Mr Shaden:—

Mr. Shaden to whom was yesterday referred the petition of Benjamin Stedman submitted the following resolution. Viz

Resolved that the Governor be requested to lay before the Legislature the proceedings of a Court Martial held on the 9th day of June 1809 of which Col Augustus Chouteau was President; together with the Proclamation by which a Pardon was granted to Deliegnacite against whom the said Court Martial did pass Sentence", and the same being read, and under consideration

Or the question to agree thereto

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative

On Motion of Mr Lucas the Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the report by him made on the Petition of Thomas H. Riddick: and the same being read,

On the question that the Legislature do agree to the same.

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative —

On Motion, ordered that the said Report of resolution, be referred to Mr Lucas to report a Bill thereon —

On Motion of Mr Shrader the Legislature proceeded to the further consideration of the Report by him made and the Resolution submitted on the Petition of Augustus Chastain and the same being read,

On the question that the Legislature do agree thereto, It was carried in the affirmative. Mr Tolliver and Mr Shrader voting in the affirmative. & Mr Lucas in the negative

Ordered that it be referred to Mr Shrader to report a Bill thereon. —

Mr. Howard presented the petition of Isaac Levi, by his Attorney Rufus Easton, stating

that the said Jack hath been in the Court of Queens Sessions for the District of Saint George convicted of stealing and condemned to the payment of a fine & costs, which he has paid, and which said conviction hath been by the Judge of the General Court reversed, annulled & set aside and praying that he may be restored to the possession of said Fine & Costs thus paid

Also the same being Read.

On Motion ordered that it be referred to Mr Coburn —

Mr. Coburn to whom was yesterday referred the petition of John Johnston, and the petition of Jack Lane this Day made a report thereon concluding with the following Resolution, To wit

Resolved that the said Petitioners be permitted to withdraw their petitions, and the papers accompanying the same —

And the same being read,

On the Question being taken that the Legislature do agree with the report of the said Committee,

It was carried in the affirmative unanimously —

Howard to whom was Referred on the 24. instant the Bill reported by Mr Shrader, together with the act for regulating the Militia, according to order, presented a Bill therein, and the same being read — and under consideration —

On Motion ordered that the further Consideration thereof be postponed till tomorrow —

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the third reading of the Bill vesting Chancery powers in the General Court as Engrossed: which being done

On the question. Shall the said Bill do pass — It was resolved in the affirmative — Mr Loveless & Mr Shrader voting in the affirmative Mr Lucas in the negative

Resolved that the title thereof be "an act regulating the mode of Judiciar proceedings in certain cases and extending certain powers to the General Court"

Ord thereupon the same was signed

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the Day to the third reading of the Engrossed Bill supplemental to the act for the recovery of debts before Justices of the peace. which being done On

the question that the said Bills do pass
it was Resolved in the affirmative unani-
mously —

Resolved that the title thereof be "An
Act Supplemental to an act entitled "An act
for the recovery of Debts and Demands not exceeding
Sixty Dollars before a Justice of the Peace."

And the same was thereupon Signed

Mr Shaw presented the accounts of Joseph P.
Farnin Clerk of the Inferiar Court, against the Territory

On Motion the same were referred to Mr
Shaw. —

The Journal order of the Day were
then postponed till to Morrow.

And the Legislature adjourned
till to morrow Morning 10 o'clock.

E. Hempstead Clk

Saturday October 27. 1810

The Legislature met pursuant
to adjournment.

Present as before.

W. Howard, in pursuance of the

resolution, of yesterday requesting him to lay certain Papers before the Legislature: presented the same.

On motion, Ordered that the said Papers be referred to Mr Shrader, to whom the petition of Benjamin Gorman was referred on the 25th instant.

Mr. Lucas, according to order presented a Bill for the payment of certain Contr. and the same being read: and the amendments agreed to: On Motion the said Bill as amended was read the second time—

*Ordered that the said Bill as Amended be Engrossed and read the third time this day—

Mr. Coburn, to whom the petition of Jeremiah Sonna, was yesterday referred, according to order made a report thereon & presented a Bill for his relief; and the said Bill being read, on Motion the said Bill was read a second time.

On Motion, ordered that the said Bill be Engrossed & read the third time this day

Mr Shrader, to whom was referred the

and the accounts of Peter Didier, Sanitary Treasurer; according to order, reported a Bill thereon, and the same being read.

Ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till monday next.

Mr. Lucas, presented the petition of certain inhabitants of the Town of Saint Louis signed by Forgus Morehead and others, stating that the board of Trustees for the Town of Saint Louis, have imposed certain taxes contrary to the Laws of the Territory, and praying such restrictive provisions as may prevent future encroachments.

And the same being read.

On motion, ordered that it be referred to Mr Lucas.—

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the second reading of the Bill supplemental to the law regulating Judicial proceedings, and several amendments agreed to.

On motion Ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till this afternoon.

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the further consideration of the Bill in addition to the act

Concerning Crimes, and the same being read

On Motion, Ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, & read the third time this afternoon.

Mr Shrader to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Sherman, made a report thereon unfavorable to the prayer of the Petitioner and concluding with the following Resolution

Viz:

Resolved that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, and the papers accompanying the same. —

And on the question that the Legislature do agree to the said Resolution, it passed in the affirmative ——

The Legislature proceeded according to order to the further consideration of the Bill in addition to the Militia Law, and the same being read, and sundry amendments agreed to

On Motion Ordered that the said Bill, with the amendments be engrossed, and read the third time on monday next

The Senate adjourned till monday

Next,

Then the Legislature adjourned
till Monday morning 10 o'Clock

Monday October 29th 1810

Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

The petition of Robert McCoy was presented, praying that a Law may pass, authorising the sale of certain negroes belonging to the Estate of Joseph Michel deceased.

And the same being read. On motion ordered, that it be referred to Mr Lucas

Mr Lucas to whom was referred the petition of Fergus Murchead & others, made report thereon unfavourable to the prayer of the petitioners and concluding with the following resolution

Resolved that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition,

And on the question that the Legislature do agree to the said resolution, it passed unanimously in the affirmative

The Legislature according to the order of the day, proceeded to the further consideration of the Bill relating to a Territorial Auditor, and the same being read, and several amendments agreed to -

On Motion

and read a third time this afternoon

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill regulating Boatmen, and the same being read and several amendments made was again read and ordered to be engrossed as amended, and read a third time tomorrow.

The several orders of the day were then further postponed till tomorrow

And then the Legislature adjourned till tomorrow morning ten o'clock

E. Hempstead Clk

Tuesday October 30th 1810

Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the consideration of the Bill for the amendment of the Judiciary law, and the said Bill was on motion read the third time and on the question that this Bill pass, carried in the affirmative unanimously: and that the title to the same be "An act supplementary to the acts entitled and an act establishing Courts of Justice & regulating Judiciary proceedings" and the said Bill was thereupon signed —

Mr Strada according to order reported a Bill on the petition of Augustus Chrisman, and

made, on motion the same was read
a third time, and on the question that this Bill
do pass: it was carried in the affirm-
ative, Messrs. Coburn, Thrasher, & Governor Howard voting
in the affirmative, and Mr Lucas in the negative.
Ordered that said Bill be engrossed, which being
done, on question that this Bill pass it was
carried as before mentioned — Ordered that the title
to the said Bill be "An act supplementary to
an act to defray the expences of certain patriots
in the town of Saint Louis" — and the said
Bill was thereupon signed

The Legislature proceeds to the further
consideration of Bills in amendment to the law
concerning the Militia, and the same being
read, on the question shall this Bill pass it
was carried in the affirmative unanimously.
Ordered that the title to the same be "An
act to amend an act entitled an act regulating
the Militia", and the said Bill was thereupon
signed —

The Legislature proceeds to the further
consideration of the bill concerning fiscal concerns
and the same being read, on the question
shall this Bill pass it was carried in the
affirmative unanimously, ordered that that
the title be "An act to amend the act regu-
lating the fiscal concerns of the Territory" and
the said Bill was thereupon signed —

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill for the relief of Jeremiah Connor, and the same being read, on the question Shall this Bill pass? It was carried in the affirmative unanimously, ordered that the Title to the same be "An act for the relief of Jeremiah Connor" and the same was thereupon signed —

The legislature proceeded to the consideration of the amended bill concerning fees, and the same being read, on the question Shall this bill pass? it was carried in the affirmative and ordered that the title thereof be "An act explanatory of the act entitled an act ascertaining the fees of the several officers and persons therein named and regulating the payment of costs or Indictments" — and it was thereupon signed

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill concerning Boatmen, and the same being read, on the question Shall this Bill pass, it was carried in the affirmative [illegible] ordered that the title thereof be "An act concerning registered boatmen" — and it was thereupon signed

The Legislature proceeded to

In the consideration of the bills concerning Crimes, and the same being read, on the question Shall the Bill pass it was carried in the affirmative unanimously, Ordered that the title thereof be "An act to amend an act for the punishment of certain Crimes" and it was thereupon Signed

The Legislature proceeds to the consideration of the bills for the payment of certain contingent expences of the General Court; and the same being read, on the question Shall this bill pass. it was carried in the affirmative; and the same was thereupon signed

On Motion the Committee to whom the petition of Robert Hervey was referred is discharged from the further consideration thereof

Ordered

That the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers.

The Legislature proceeds to the consideration of the Bills for defraying the expences of publishing the laws, and the same being read, on the question Shall this bill pass it was carried unanimously in the affirmative Ordered that the title thereof be "An act for defraying the expences of publishing the laws and for other purposes." and the same was thereupon signed

And then the Legislature adjourned

sine die

E. Humphrys Clk.

At a meeting of the Legislature held at the House of Edward Humphrys in the Town of Saint Louis on the Tenth day of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Eleven.——"——"

Present Frederick Bates, Secretary of the Territory and exercising the Government thereof.

John Coburn }
Otho Shrader } Judges.—

On Motion of Mr Shrader Ordered a Bill for altering the time of holding the Court at Saint Charles and the first and second times; and on the question shall the bill pass. it was carried in the affirmative. unanimously.— Ordered that the title thereof be "an Act for altering the time of holding the Courts of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the District of Saint Charles" and the same was thereupon signed.——

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn sine die

E Humphrys Clk